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Inspection Today Of All Equipment

Every Article Of General And Personal Equipment To Be Inspected By Chosen Officers

The most comprehensive inspection of personnel, articles of clothing, and organization and motor equipment since the 31st Division's arrival in December was held this morning to determine existing shortage in individual clothing and other equipment preparatory to summer maneuvers. Results of the all-unit check-up will be made known Monday when the 390 officers and equal number of enlisted men detailed to the gigantic task compile statistics.

Every man in the division, including cooks, K. P.'s, men attending schools, and others with specialized duties, was included in the minute inspection. Those with urgent duties were inspected first or relieved by men already inspected but all had been inspected by 12 noon, four hours after activities began at eight.

The 390 inspecting officers who made the rounds received their instructions from Lt. Col. William S. Shipman, inspector general for the 31st Division. Several meetings were held before Saturday, with all attending, to iron out complications and procedure, brought about by the hugeness of the task. Enlisted men recommended by unit commanders as capable of acting as clerks, following their own inspection aided the officers by recording deficiencies found.

Each regiment was designated a senior officer and each company or battery in turn was assigned three inspectors. The senior officer of the group inspected organizational equipment, the other two checking personal equipment and clothing. No battalion or company commanders were included in the group of 390 who made the division rounds to determine the 31st's condition.

Private Joins "Rough Riders"

The playful lads of Company H, of the 106th Medical Regiment really took Private Jewel Stamps of Hattiesburg, Miss., for a ride recently. The journey was not only a surprise and a rough one, but Private Stamps will remember it a long time. On a recent trip into the woods, Stamps settled into one of those light, speedy medical trailers for his nightly snooze. The next thing he remembered was being awakened from a deep dream by a sudden movement of the trailer. After a whirling, hair-raising ride, Stamps at last was safe and sound. He had parked the trailer at the top of a hill and some of his "pals" set the thing to moving towards the deep woods.

Co-Workers Meet Under New Boss

Paths cross in a strange manner, and coincidences are funny things. In the 106th Medical Regiment are four men who worked under the same boss back in New Orleans, La. Now they are still together — First Sergeant N. Romaguera and Sergeant Leonard Katz in Company A, and Sergeant Alvin Jas in Company D. Another who worked under the same boss in the Crescent City is Private Ewing Langlois of Company H, of the 166th Infantry.

Floor Was Smooth Anyway, Says Pvt.

You never can tell whether you are making a good impression on a young lady, observes Pvt. Lester A. Beard, Hq. Det. 1st Bn. 167th Infantry.

Lester was dancing with a beautiful new acquaintance in Green Cove Springs the other night when the fair lady remarked:

"Don't you think the floor is smooth?"

Thinking he was making headway Beard was quick to answer:

"It sure is honey."

"Then how about you dancing on it," the pretty young thing suggested.

Service Club Lists Schedule

Enlisted men of the 31st Division are reminded this week about the many convenient facilities offered by the Division Service Club for their convenience. All departments of the Service Club are now active, including the cafeteria, library, guest house, and the recreational units. Mrs. C. W. Chalker, senior hostess, reviewed the Club's program for the coming week, and ALL soldiers of the Division are urged to spend their leisure time at the club.

Every Sunday is visitors day. The service club is the regiments only "living room" and here enlisted men meet and entertain friends and relatives.

Monday night is "write home" and "give away" night. Soldiers are furnished all writing materials, and a new stamp vending machine sells stamps at cost. On this night the many post cards, clothes hangers, magazines and the dozens of other nick knacks contributed during the week by friends of the Army are given away to the soldiers.

Tuesday night is "club night" when the Fencing Club, The Dixie Players (rehearsing "The Drunkard" for early presentation), and various fraternal organizations meet.

Wednesday night is talent night and the show next week will come from Jacksonville.

Thursday night the weekly quiz program will hold sway, under direction of Captain Ben Hudson, Division Recreation Officer. Everyone is urged to attend and prizes are awarded. Prizes include \$5.00 in cash and many useful items of wearing apparel for soldiers. Every contestant is treated to a Coca-Cola. The program is educational as well as entertaining as the questions are based on data found in "The Soldiers' Handbook."

Friday night the soldiers of the 106th Quartermaster regiment will give a dance.

Saturday afternoon horseshoe and archery contests will be held on the lawn. Prizes will be awarded to winners.

Fox Hunting Here Without Horses

Some regiments cite long marches to prove the soldiers are in condition. In the future the 155th regiment of Mississippi will tell the story of how two soldiers of the Service Company chased a fox so long that he fell dead of exhaustion.

Members of the company were surprised to see a fox walk down the street. Sergeant Robert Shirley and Pvt. Clyde Sardo immediately raced after the furry intruder. Instead of the men becoming tired, the fox suddenly fell dead in his tracks.

Soldier Dies In Accident

Sergeant James E. Whitehead, Battery F, 117th F. A., was instantly killed Saturday night, May 31st, being struck down by a hit-and-run driver near Brundidge, Alabama.

Interment was held Monday morning in the church cemetery of Spring Hill, Ala., with military rites at the grave. Members of the deceased's battery were pallbearers.

Silent Marker Worries Major

Some times you can take orders too literally, and there is a private with the 114th Field Artillery who does—or rather, did. The obedient trainee was a marker on a recent night maneuver and when Major Sam H. Long parked his command car within 100 yards of the marker and called for him, the Mississippi private remained silent. The Major called again and again, finally yelling in a tone that could be heard for almost a quarter of a mile, "where in the world is that marker—speak up!"

This finally got the soldier out of his trance, and from less than a hundred feet from the Major he called out, "here sir."

"Why didn't you speak up before, soldier?" asked the major. "I didn't know you were speaking to me," replied the private. The Major issued his instructions and departed.

124th Area Gets Face Lifting

Under the direction of Lt. Col. George A. DeCotes and 2nd Lt. Frank H. Crowe the grounds of the 124th Infantry have undergone a transformation this week. A new clay covered parking lot and the wood duck walks around regimental headquarters have been replaced with tile. The 124th is also proud of its novel sign post which gives directions and distances to Army posts throughout the country and to some of our largest cities as well.

Soldiers Get More Ride Than They Bargained For

Thirty-six soldiers were seated in an Orange Lines bus Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock, waiting for, and expecting, an uneventful ride back to Camp Blanding. It was hot and stuffy; some of them dozed in their seats, others read magazines, a few laughed and joked.

No one thought it cause for alarm when a young man, dressed in civilian clothes, entered the bus, climbed into the driver's seat, and took charge of the controls. The bus lurched from the station, but instead of heading due east for the camp, the driver turned right and started out on the Gainesville road.

"Saaaay," drawled one soldier now aroused from his leisurely napping, "doesn't this bus go to Camp Blanding?"

They careened across a lawn and sideswiped another automobile.

"This bus is going to Gainesville," the driver shouted. "But I'll take you anywhere in Florida you wanna go!"

Now thoroughly convinced that something was rotten in Den-

mark, the soldiers began swarming toward the door, which the driver had failed to shut. Some of them began jumping, and the driver—nothing, if not accommodating—stopped and let the rest get off. Then he went on.

In the meantime, back at the Orange Bus Lines station here, the real driver came out to discover his bus and passengers gone. The sheriff's office was notified and police officials and state highway patrolmen gave chase, catching up with the kidnapped bus on the other side of Waldo. The driver refused to stop until the officers got in his road ahead of him and drew their guns.

As the mystery unraveled, it was discovered that the uninvited driver was a soldier—a second lieutenant from Fort Bragg, N. C.—in spite of the fact that he was dressed in civilian clothes, and he was accordingly turned over to military authorities at Camp Blanding.

Thirty-six Camp Blanding soldiers had something to write home about Sunday night.

Division Learns Fighting In Make Believe Town

Camp Laundry Handling "Flat" Work



This is a typical scene at the recently opened Camp Laundry; stacks of sheets are being unloaded preparatory to being checked and "put through the mill." The laundry will be better organized soon, it is stated.

Unloaded Gun Plasters Plaster

Corporal Oscar M. Spivey and his good friend, Pvt. Willie Joe Griffin, were together this past week-end at the home of the latter when it all happened. Pvt. Griffin was demonstrating to the Corporal the finer points in handling a rifle, using his father's shot gun for a weapon; When the infantryman came to Port Arms there was a loud, deafening, "BOOM!" After the smoke had sufficiently cleared to allow visibility the two startled soldiers discovered that a very large part of "Pa" Griffin's room ceiling was definitely missing! Pvt. Griffin can now vouch for the saying that guns which aren't loaded sometimes are.

Reporter Paints Tragic Picture

An E. J. Land Legend Sgt. David Hyde, Battery C, 117th Field Artillery, asks all men connected with the Camp Blanding sewer department to be on the lookout for a pair of false teeth.

Bending over a toilet recently, Sgt. Hyde dropped his teeth into the water and somebody flushed it before he had a chance to recover them.

"Stuffed-Shirt" Dupes Intelligence School

Two hundred and twenty wide-eyed spectators composing the Division Intelligence school were horrified Wednesday to see an observer of the 124th Infantry outpost demonstration team fall a hundred feet from the top of a tree. Staff Sgt. Bennett T. Waites and Corporal Fred Stephens, Hq. Det. 3rd Bn., 167th Infantry, led the onlookers as they dashed to the side of the broken body lying at the foot of the tree-observation post, ready to lend what assistance they could. Much to their chagrin they discovered the "body" to be a dummy in full army uniform.

Dixie Officer Is Speaker At Univ.

Colonel Oswald W. McNeese, Public Relations Officer, was Commencement Luncheon speaker for the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville, at 12:30 P. M., June 2. His subject was "College Men and their Place in Military Service."

New Newspaper

Special news and announcements of the 155th regiment will appear in a one page mimeograph sheet, "The Rebel War Whoop," recreational officer Lt. George Donovan stated today. The paper is posted in conspicuous places and a few are distributed to the companies.

Forty Yrs. Between But In Same Unit

Who are the youngest and oldest soldiers in Camp Blanding? Company A of the 106th Medical Regiment lays a strong claim to both honors. As their candidates are 16-year-old LeManc of Algiers, La., and 56-year-old Rene Laudimley of New Orleans, La. There's a difference of 40 years in their ages. Private LeBlanc slipped into the National Guard at the tender age 15 last July 23 and has already taken part in maneuvers at Brimhurst, La. Laudimley does laundry work with Company A. He is not a regular soldier but asked to come to Camp Blanding with the boys.

Third Army General Finds Chaplain Walks

Even the Commanding General of the Third Army was surprised to see a chaplain engaged in the more gruelling phases of army training last week.

On the recent march to Keystone Heights, General Malter Kruger was being presented some of the officers of the 167th Infantry about fifteen miles along the route of march.

"And this is Chaplain Wolcott," introduced Commanding Officer Walter M. Thompson.

"Did you say Chaplain," the general asked, "What in blazes is a Chaplain doing out here?"

Kingsley's Depths Braved By Sgts.

Several members of the 114th Field Artillery have been seen on the regiment's bathing area at Kingsley lake with a diving helmet, the property of Sgt. Armand O. Lepez of Battery F. The helmet has a self-sustaining unit attached and can also be used with a shore group. In addition to Sgt. Lepez, Sgts. John C. Taylor and Guy Green, of the 2nd Bn. have been intrepid long enough to don the apparatus.

106th Q. M. Has Dance

The 106th Quartermaster regiment will hold a dance at the regimental recreation hall the night of Friday, June 13, at which arrangements are being made to have the popular swing band of the 114th Field Artillery supply music for the affair.

Artillerymen Paint Tents

The new month brought new ambition to members of the 14th Field Artillerymen, and now the Mississippi boys present solid rows of white tents, for the tent brushes were in action all week. One of the ambitious painters preferred pink to white, but was soon ordered to cover his pinkish work with standard white.

Florida Regiment Opens Training As Division Gets First Taste Of Battle Conditions In Latest Means Recorded

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The 124th Infantry had the honor of opening the 31st Division's latest training phase, when they carried out a simulated attack on a "Hollywood" town two miles east of Camp. In the first such practice of its kind in history, the Florida soldiers swept into the city of false fronts in the face of machine gun fire, aerial bombs and smoke screens.

Similar Names Cause Confusion When Sgt. Wanted

Whenever the telephone rings in the 117th Field Artillery regimental headquarters and the voice on the other end asks to speak to "Sgt. White" the answer usually is "Which one?" The reply "Master Sgt. White" gets the same query, "Which one?" When the person telephoning exasperatedly explains "Master Sgt. R. White," he more than often astonished to hear the laconic "Which one?" again.

Yes, that's right. There are two master sergeants working in the headquarters building who have the same name. One is Sgt. Raymond White, the other Sgt. Russ White and they're both from Dolhan, Alabama.

Men in headquarters are finally solving the problem, though. When the telephoner asks for "Sgt. White," he gets a new reply, "Big or little White?" You see, the resemblance ends in names and home towns. Sgt. Raymond White weighs 240 pounds and Sgt. Russ White tips the scales at 150.

Chaplain Asks Gun For Self

The junior Chaplain of the 167th Infantry doesn't intend to be caught unprepared should fighting begin. Since he expects to be among his men in the front lines Chaplain Samuel M. Hughes is trying to convince the regimental commander, Col. Walter M. Thompson, that he should be issued a pistol with which to protect himself in combat.

"I'm afraid the enemy might not know I'm a chaplain," Lt. Hughes explained.

Work And Travel Is Company Motto

Members of Headquarters Co., 124th Infantry, are managing to get in some good times each week end as well as train those pigeons.

When the soldiers take week end leaves they take along one of the young birds being trained by the unit for messengers, turn them loose and let instinct carry on. The pigeons, without exception so far, have winged their way on home.

Going Some Place? . . .



This signpost near the 124th Infantry headquarters tells almost everything except when we are going to get out of the army. Col. Fred A. Safay, 124th C. O., indicates the way to Hell, Norway.

The entire division will participate in turn in these tactics, learning the art of hand to hand and house to house fighting with an authentic background. Hundreds of rounds of blank ammunition furnished the sound effects along with bombing planes which droned overhead; smoke screens made vision difficult for the attacking men while snipers fired from rooftops.

Barbed wire entanglements, machine gun nests, barriers and all types of street warfare gave then men a realistic taste of actual combat conditions. The men moved into town with the assistance of engineers, occupied the streets and houses and set up defenses against counter attacks.

Everything possible was done to provide a realistic atmosphere, civilians even being in the streets and taking cover hurriedly when the attack began. Bombers from the Jacksonville Naval Air base roared overhead, while the soldiers in gas masks charged with fixed bayonettes through heavy smoke.

The town, first of its kind ever constructed for training purposes, was built under orders of Major General John C. Persons, commander, and will be kept as a permanent training site.

Only the 124th's 2nd Battalion conducted the maneuver, dividing into defending and attacking forces. Dummies were thrown from rooftops to simulate snipers as they were picked off. Artillery support prepared the way for the charging foot soldiers.

New combat cars were used in the action, rushing heavy weapons and units into action. Machine Guns were unloaded from the tiny vehicles, set up and put into action in the space of a few seconds, furnishing covering fire for the men engaged in "Mopping-up" activities.

The entire city of Thompsonville, named for the 167th Infantry commander, Colonel Walter M. Thompson, was convincingly realistic. Various business houses bore the names of prominent officers of the division, including "Persons National Bank," named for the Division Commander; Hutchinson's Drugs, named for Brigadier General Joseph Hutchinson; Manley's Market, named for Colonel F. W. Manley, Division chief of staff, and various other bogus enterprises bore the names of their distinguished promoters.

Dances To Follow Learning Period

Eight girls and five lads from Kirby-Smith high school, Jacksonville, presented a series of comedy skits to a well-filled audience of 16th Artillerymen in that regiment's recreation hall Wednesday night. Arrangements for the program were made by Lt. Woodrow Dickey, recreation officer, and the evening's entertainment was in charge of Mrs. Eufaula Baker, of Jacksonville, director of dramatics at Kirby-Smith. The Jacksonville Entertainers also appeared at the 31st Division Service Club the same evening.

Bugler Plays For First Pay

Pvt. Hill Reid, bugler of the 117th F. A. Regiment for the past five months, blew his first "Pay-roll" call Wednesday. Tours of duty had kept him from tooting on previous paydays.

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JOBS FOR SOLDIER'S WIVES

Into the offices of the DIXIE came a classified notice which is worthy of more attention than a mere inch of space. Some thoughtful person, capable of thinking further than his own immediate need, has requested that the wife of some soldier stationed here apply for a position in his home as helper.

The offer includes a room, moderate pay, Sundays off and the privilege of having her husband as guest. The telephone number is 121, Camp Blanding, and there more information will be furnished.

It is certainly a fine thing to see that some people appreciate the worries of the married soldier. There are hundreds of cases of men in this camp who have to struggle to maintain a home for their wives on an army salary. There are few decent jobs open to women in this vicinity.

If more people in Jacksonville, Starke, Gainesville, St. Augustine and other surrounding towns would remember the pressure these couples are under trying to maintain a home, it would be certain to help in quite a few cases.

Many soldiers here are married, some unable to bring their wives to this vicinity, some struggling through in order that the couple might remain together. This is a trying period, and it is only natural that two people who are married are going to make every effort to see one another as much as possible.

These women, many have never had to work before, are not too proud to seek employment. They are willing to take jobs in order to be with their men, and it brings a cheerful feeling to see someone trying to help in this effort.

Perhaps some employment bureau might be started to help these couples in their attempts to make a go of married life, perhaps more people can be brought to realize how much good they could do by furnishing employment for these women who have never received the recognition they deserve.

USE YOUR RECREATION FACILITIES

Week by week more and more members of the 31st Division are taking advantage of the recreational facilities offered by the Service Clubs, of which there are three serving the soldiers from Dixie. Yet it is our belief that there are many others who have yet to realize the opportunity for well-spent leisure time that the club offers.

In fact, we know of instances in which trainees living a few blocks from a particular Service Club did not know where it was located or what the building was for—this, despite many posted bulletins from GHQ and publication of service club activities in the Dixie. Practically every night in the week there is some scheduled program being held—Quiz Nights, Concerts, Plays, Dances and many other recreational events. In addition, the men can relax, read and write in a comfortable, unhurried atmosphere that is a beneficial change from the drabness of their tents.

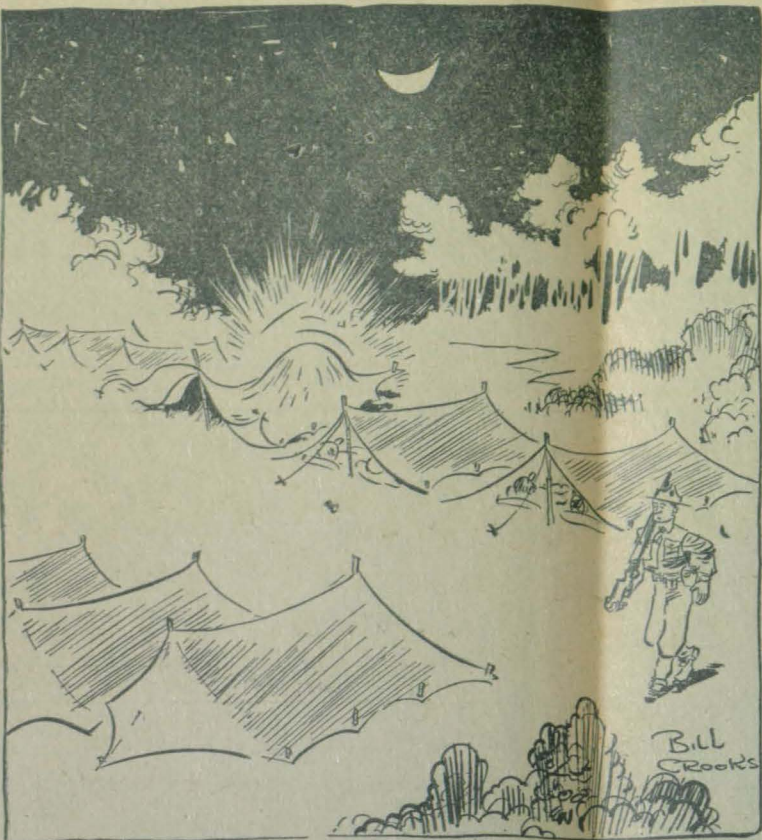
Each service club also features a library, from which soldiers may take books in a large variety of fields, and thus further use their leisure hours to good advantage. More books are being added weekly, and each librarian is trained to advise the soldiers as to their reading programs, if they desire it.

If you haven't been to a service club, we say, take off some night and visit one.

BACK YOUR PAPER

Several new publications have made their appearance, taking their places with such old timers as the Mississippi Dragon and the Alabam. These papers do a great job toward promoting a working together spirit within a unit as well as furnishing news.

Remembering the troubles encountered before full time reporters were assigned to the press section, the editor urges all men who have the interest of their unit publication at heart to furnish a steady supply of news and give all other support possible.



"SUMMERSVILLE, DAMN YOU AND YOUR PAJAMAS!"

ANTI-TANK COMPANY IS A UNIT WITHIN ITSELF

"Baby regiment" well describes the infantry anti-tank company, typified by the anti-tank company of the 167th Infantry. It is self subsistent, depending on no other arm or service in carrying out the difficult task of defeating the regiment from tank attack.

The company has its own communications, supply, transportation, maintenance, administration and combat groups. It further provides an anti-tank warning system for the regiment.

The communications section is equipped with five voice radios, 12 sound-powered telephones and 1 vehicular radio, voice and CW. The company's total transportation consists of four command cars, four "bantam" cars, 1 radio truck, 21 trucks (prime movers) and three cargo trucks. In addition the anti-tank section of the service company supplies two cargo trucks and one trailer for the transport of the kitchen, rations, baggage and ammunition. Each truck of the company is provided with a mount for an automatic rifle or a light machine gun. Two motor mechanics make up the maintenance group during operations.

Intensive and varied training is required to fit the personnel to handle the multi-type equipment of the company. In addition to receiving basic infantry training the anti-tank men are trained as individual soldiers and servants of crew-operated weapons. All members of the company are taught to operate motor vehicles and to serve the auto rifle.

Anti-tank units must be trained with and against tank units. They are taught the teamwork between tank and anti-tank units and they are also taught their basic role of tank destroyers by exercises involving tank versus anti-tank. They are thoroughly instructed in the strong and weak points of tanks, their distinguishing characteristics and their combat methods.

Commanders stress the blindness that characterizes all tanks and point out how this enhances the value of cover and concealment. In particular do they emphasize the foolhardiness of flight before armored vehicles. They show that flight is a clear invitation to destruction, that the fight between the antitank and his armored foe lasts but a few minutes and that a cool head, a steady eye and hand and tenacious spirit will consistently master the tank. Antitankers must also be taught the dangers that lie in a premature opening of fire; they are shown that this discloses their position and may give the hostile artillery a chance to pound them to pieces before they can deal with their main enemy—the tank. Throughout their training they are continuously schooled in estimating ter-

rain from the point of view of its practicability for tank movement, in the relative effectiveness of anti-tank obstacles, in recognizing all types of friendly and enemy tanks and in the signal prescribed for warning and identification.

The company is armed with 12 37mm anti-tank guns; 12 automatic rifles, 87 M-1 rifles and 92 pistols. The 37mm gun is the principal weapon of the company although it is expected to be replaced by the 75mm anti-tank gun. Specifications of the 37mm gun show it to be effective against light and medium tanks with an accurate maximum range of 1000 yards. A practicable rate of fire is 10 rounds per minute. It has relative wide traverse of 60 degrees and has a high mobility on roads and in cross-country movement.

Contrary to opinion the rifleman plays an important role in the anti-tank company. Rifle squads including automatic rifleman are the only means of defense the individual 37mm guns have against rapidly advancing foot troops.

The strength of the company is 6 officers and 179 enlisted men.

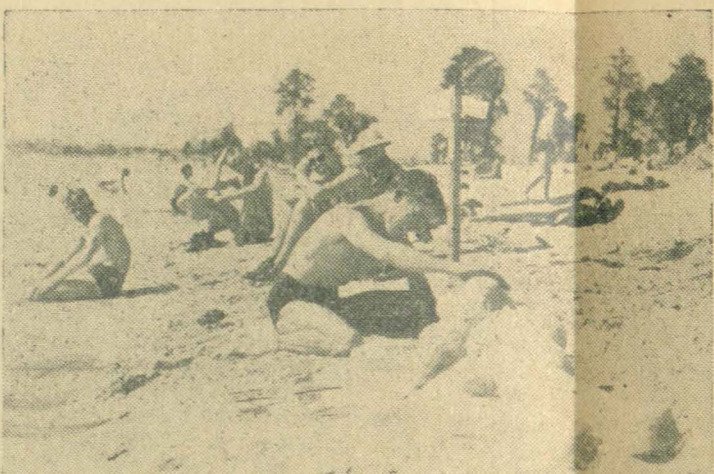
Weather Problem Solved By Cooks

Pvt. Joe B. Willett and Pvt. Samuel L. Parris, both cooks of Company A, 124th Infantry have solved the hot weather problem, at the Division theatre. They were seen this week with a large pillow under one arm and a jug of ice water under the other. "The army isn't so bad, its just the way you take it," remarked the cooks.

Song Leading Sgt. Widely Sought Now

First Sergeant Martin, Headquarters Battery, 2nd Bn. 117th F. A., demonstrated a heretofore undiscovered talent when he led Pvt. Fred Welch and Bill Andrews in a singing "spree" that grew to regimental proportions before the evening was over. Sergeant Martin is now in demand as leader of a proposed Community Singing for the 117th.

Boy Makes Girl



This soldier went to the beach to relax and forget his worries, but they seem to have remained and obviously weren't of a military nature. The amateur artist who is doing such a swell job of sand sculpture is Pfc. M. L. McQuaig, Anti-Tank Co., 124th Infantry.

Specialists All--

THE RANK OF SERGEANT
MAJOR IS MYTHICAL
BUT THE WORK ISN'T

It doesn't take much to be a regimental sergeant major. All you have to do is to have a better-than average education, be an able executive, know how to handle men lower than yourself so that they'll like it, know how to handle men higher than yourself so that they'll like it, have some previous business experience, and know soldiering inside out. As witness to this statement is the fact that there are only 10 regimental sergeant majors in the entire Thirty-First Division . . . A number smaller than the number of Colonels.

Although there is no officially-recognized "sergeant-major" rank in the Army, every regiment has a master sergeant who unofficially holds the title, a holdover from the days when it was a recognized ranking. The sergeant major is usually the oldest master sergeant in the regiment in years of service. However, in the 167th Inf., regiment, it's Sgt. Riley M. Howell, who enlisted in October, 1940. They are picked for managerial ability, astuteness, common sense and all the other things that go to make up leadership.

The duties of the regimental sergeant major are many. He must go into the field when his regiment goes to supervise administrative duties in the field. All orders, proceedings of court-martial, and paper work of the regiment go through his office. And, more than anything else, he acts as a "go-between" for enlisted men and officers.

Closely connected with the office of regimental sergeant major is that of personnel sergeant major. Each of the infantry regiments has one of these and Division headquarters has a number of them. They act as the regimental sergeant major's assistants, handling payrolls, records, morning reports, sick reports, service reports, records of discharges, requests for furloughs and many other smaller items of administration.

He Made It By The Watch

Pvt. Charles Le Blanc, Co. H, 156th Infantry, is probably the most conscientious man in the 31st Division.

In order to get back to Camp Blanding before his leave expired Pvt. Le Blanc drove to New Orleans from his home town, Jeanerette, La., caught a plane to Jacksonville, and spent all the money he had and all he could borrow on a wrist-watch to ride the forty miles from the airport to Camp Blanding.

He arrived three minutes before the company fell out for reveille.

Substitute For Injured Officers

Lieutenant William H. Wiseman and Lt. Doyle H. Waldrop were appointed co-recreational and athletic directors of the 114th Field Artillery this week. The Lieutenants will serve in place of Lieutenant John D. Johnston who was injured recently in an automobile accident near Selma, Alabama, on his way home for a leave. Lt. Johnston will resume his former duties on his return to service here.

Not Dead, Chivalry, Captain Proves

Captain John G. Berry, 155th Infantry Adjutant, proved recently, beyond question, that the age of chivalry still lives.

The clatter of typewriters in the regimental headquarters was suddenly stilled by the entrance of a beautiful lady—red was her hair. Captain Barry asked if he could assist her. In a few minutes the Lady and the Captain left the building.

A half-hour later the officer returned. His friends, curious, asked where he had been. Answered the Captain "Oh—I was helping her find her dog."

Weiner Roast For 117 F. A. En. Men

Enlisted men of the 117th F. A. were guests of honor at a weiner roast on the Lake Swan Conference camp grounds last week. The picnic was supervised by Corp. Auburn Hayes, a member of the unit's Service and Ammunition battery, who is superintendent of the camp grounds.



It seems that credit should go where credit is due, and so the Dixie must lay claim to a scoop no reader was ever permitted to see. But the subject of the story, Corporal Charles D. Pou, almost had a heart attack when the issue hit the press.

It seems that the young non-com was married. Well, he was satisfied with the situation and she was a very attractive girl, but the couple had, with lack of foresight of youth, omitted informing either set of parents. Accordingly, he was quite unhappy to receive a copy of the week's Dixie, with the news spread over the front page. And the bride's father is stationed in the 31st.

Corporal Pou immediately grabbed the nearest telephone and demanded that the printing of the paper be stopped; said that he would pay for all copies which had been run if the story could be killed. He was informed that six thousand copies had already been run, and the cost would be prohibitive. With a broken hearted sigh, he gave up the ghost and retired to a convenient corner where he could brood in silence.

His stony hearted cohorts let the poor lad suffer in silence for a full day, before they told him the truth; that the story had appeared in only four issues, all of which were in his hands. Another story had been substituted after they had been run. But it was still a scoop, and now the Dixie is happy to repeat the story which it regretfully withheld from a palpatating public: The Dixie announces the forthcoming marriage last December of Corporal Charles D. Pou to the former Miss Genevieve Long.

Those men who walk down the street in town, all looking alike and giving the same blurred impression of a khaki blob; they are nothing but soldiers, and it gets to be a habit of all who contact them to regard soldiers as a class.

This is a great mistake, for they are the same men who would be a thousand individuals were they dressed for civilian life. They have their own personalities, their own lives, their own futures, their own dreams; in fact they seldom even are alike under that drab appearance.

All this unwanted serious meditation was brought about by a trip through the 114th Field Artillery, this writer's former home when the division first arrived in Blanding. Only when you know the story of a man do you realize the significance of this army.

Not in a historical way, but in its effect on lives and personalities. Rich men enjoy their leaves arm in arm with men who earned every cent they ever owned. Professors bunk with men who made their living from the physical labor their bodies could do.

All this is fine. Men will come out of this experience with viewpoints they would never have attained had they remained in the civilian social cycle. They get a chance to "see how the other half lives," only in this case "thinks" could be substituted for "lives."

They will learn that the people who they perhaps thought had snubbed them were really swell fellows who were too busy or too preoccupied to be a hail fellow well met chap. Others will find that men they had avoided are really swell guys when they are known.

The army furnishes a common meeting ground; a place where each can learn to judge men when all imitation is gone and he is judged by the man that he is. This experience should prove invaluable in giving all a chance to learn to be an accurate judge of his fellowman.

REDUCED PRICES

A number of commercial entertainment enterprises in the vicinity of Camp Blanding have recently indicated their good will towards Dixie soldiers by extending reduced prices to men in uniform. The list includes many of northeast Florida's most outstanding attractions, and is:

Silver Springs, offering a \$2 trip for \$1 in the glass bottom boats.

Ravine Gardens (Palatka) will charge soldiers only 28 cents in convoys of 50.

Marine Studios (near St. Augustine) charges half price, plus tax.

Rainbow Springs offers half price admission to soldiers and to their civilian companions, if any.

The Keystone Heights Golf Course rents the nine hole green to soldiers for 50 cents; caddie fee, 25 cents. The management is willing to turn the course over to military personnel for maintenance.

Trips through Fort Marion and Fort Mantanzas (St. Augustine) are offered free to men in uniform.

Admission to Central Florida Baseball League games is 25 cents to soldiers.

At Juniper Springs Recreation Area (in Ocala National Forest) a Jungle Canoe Trip (three to a canoe) may be enjoyed for \$2.50, including return to start by automobile.

Soldiers are admitted to the Oriental Gardens (Jacksonville) for 30 cents instead of 55 cents.

Soldiers are offered special prices to the University of Florida (Gainesville) games as follows: Randolph, Macon and Tampa University games, 25 cents; Villanova and Georgia Tech games, 50 cents; Georgia State and UCLA games, 50 cents, if additional seats are available.

Multiple Names In One Unit

If you ever feel like being mobbed, just call for "John," "Bill," "Sam," "Joe," "Frank," or "Ernest" in Louisiana's 156th Infantry band. In the unit, which has a total of 28 members, there are four Johns, four Bills, two Sams, two Joes, two Franks, two Georges and two Ernests.

Molars Inspected In Medical Regt.

The 106th Medical Regiment is at present conducting a dental survey of all companies. Dental offices have been established in all companies having clearing stations. Members of the ambulance companies have their surveys carried on by companies having clearing stations.

"We Have The Situation Well In Hand"



The 124th moves into Thompsonville in mopping up operations as that Regiment had its first taste of house to house fighting in Blanding's "Hollywood" town. This ghost village, ordered built by Major General John C. Persons, will serve as a training site for every unit of the Division, giving them actual stage settings for their practice. As bombers roared overhead, smoke screens made vision difficult and machine guns and rifles barked, the Florida soldiers efficiently carried out their attack, cleared the streets of enemy and set up defense against counter attacks. In the pictures above: 1. A squad overturns a car to be used as a barricade (notice the sniper on the right hand corner of the market roof); 2. The riflemen, using the overturned automobile as a shield, open fire on enemy further up the street; 3. An automatic rifleman, using sandbags and improvised shield, lays down a covering fire for advancing infantrymen (the sniper on the roof of the market has been discovered and a machine gun burst brings him down—of course a dummy was used); 4. An engineer truck brings up equipment for barbed wire entanglements and the hairy eared boys set up barricades; 5. Machine gunners and automatic riflemen prepare protection against enemy action as runners dash hurriedly about; 6. Machine gun nest awaits counter attack.

QUARTERMASTER REGIMENT LEADS DIV. FOR PX SPENDING

Dixie Division soldiers spent \$135,898 with the division's eleven regimental exchanges and the Division Theatre canteen during May, a report issued by Colonel Waldo Willis, division exchange officer, this week revealed. This \$7.00 with the exchanges during the month.

Some interesting statistics were listed, among them means that each man in the Division, on the average, spent that Coca-Cola is Dixie's favorite drink, 7,500 bottles going over the counter every day. Other soft drinks sold at the rate of 3,000 bottles daily combined, while 7,000 cans or bottles of beer were bought daily. About 10,000 packages of cigarettes, 1,500 cigars, and 2,500 packages of smoking tobacco are sold every 24 hours, with Lucky Strikes leading the field. And southern soldiers have a sweet tooth, for they buy 4,500 bars of candy a day, with Baby Ruth as the prime favorite.

Each month has a marked increased business in the exchange. In April the turnover was five times the December turnover. In May the turnover was 6.4 times larger than the opening month's volume of business.

Every regiment is the owner of its exchange. As soon as the capital investment and money loaned the 43rd Division can be repaid, all company and battery funds in the Division will share in the sizable profits. On or about July 21 regimental ownership and control of the various branch exchanges will revert to the Main Post Exchange. This will give regiments time to organize stock for the field canteens and rolling exchanges to be operated in the field this summer.

The 106th Quartermaster exchange leads the Division in sales volume for May, although the regiment is one of the Division's smallest. On the average, each man of the 106th Q. M. spent 30 cents per day in "P. X. No. 6." This canteen's supervisor, B. O. Baker, blames the excellent patronage on the famous southern hospitality found there, and adds that large numbers of New Englanders from the 43rd Division utilize this nearest (to them) Dixie exchange to satisfy their natural curiosity about southerners. Clerks in the exchange assert that northern soldiers have thanked them for the courtesy and hospitality with which they are served. Special Troops canteen trails the Q. M. exchange by a few cents. Special Troops, numbering around 800, have the largest per capita payroll in the Division.

New Books Now At Dixie Library

The following new books were received in the 31st Division's library in Service Club No. 1 during the past week:

"This Above All," by Eric Knight
 "What About Advertising," by Kenneth M. Goode and Harford Powell, Jr.
 "You Can't Go Home Again," by Thomas Wolfe.
 "Personal Exposures," by Rex Beach.
 "Winged Warfare," by Major General H. H. Arnold and Colonel Ira C. Eaker.
 "Do You Need Some Money?" by Allison Cragg.
 "How To Break Into Radio," by Robert DeHaven and Harold S. Kohan.
 "Foreign Devils in the Flowery Kingdom," by Carl Crow.
 "Your Career in Business," by Walter Hoving.
 "Complete Instructions to Photography," by J. Harris Gable.
 "Pageant of England, 1840 to 1940," by Arthur Bryant.
 "Juggernaut Over Holland," by E. N. Van Klefens.

Regtl. Order Will Replace Truant Officer

A regimental order issued this week in the 116th Field Artillery will send 12 soldiers of that regiment to a W. P. A. sponsored reading and writing school every Tuesday and Thursday night the regiment is in Camp. The order appeared when voluntary attendance began to lag. Classes are held in the regiment's recreation hall.

Our Regrets

The Editor received this bit of poetic resignation, and due to the fact that it fitted the situation so well, and wasn't bad either, thought he would stick it in this issue. We are sorry that the DIXIE has been unable to publish the many poems submitted, but no allowances have been made for space yet. Some of the offerings have been worthy of notice, and it is with regret they have been omitted. All are appreciated, and from time to time we will publish bits of verse. Keep trying, and adopt the attitude of this soldier.

My offering:

A little poem I did submit
 About the Company Clerk,
 It told about his troubles
 And how he has to work,
 I waited for the "DIXIE"
 But no poem did I find,
 But it didn't hurt my feelings
 'Cause I really didn't mind.

I will never be a poet
 Such as Edgar Allen Poe,
 The stuff that I submit to you
 Is corny as you know,
 But here this week—another poem

A tisket and a tasket,
 Fold it gently please my lad,
 And file it in the BASKET.

Stretching Truth Rookie Thinks

The Army can prove very educational at times and usually does. There is the private, for instance, in the 114th Field Artillery who this week learned what shoe trees were for. He saw a pair for the first time the other day and inquired what they were for. "Why, to stretch shoes with, of course," replied the jesting tent occupant.

"Yeah, but they're no good for Army shoes," said the gullible soldier, "they're always supposed to fit, aren't they?"

Officer Week-Ends With Scout Navy

The Adjutant of the Tampa Sea Scout Fleet, Lt. Woodrow Dickey, recreation officer of the 116th Field Artillery, left Thursday on a four day leave to Tampa to be at his post during the annual Sea Scout regatta held in the Gulf of Mexico off Gulf Port Saturday and Sunday. Lt. Dickey is a native of Tampa and the Sea Scout Fleet is the world's largest.

Tiny Monkey; Big Appetite

Doing her bit to foster friendly relations between North and South America is "Toto," a Brazilian addition to the Thirty-First Division.

"Toto," is a tiny female spider monkey owned by Sgt. Charles B. Moody, of Mobile's Headquarters Co., Special Troops. She is no larger than many birds but makes up for her size by liveliness.

Although in this country only a short time and in Camp Blanding only a week, "Toto" has taken up many of the customs of the country. Like many modern American girls, she chews gum whenever she has a chance, eats apples, bananas, peanuts, and other fruits, and enjoys exercise.

Coveralls For All Soldiers

According to a recent issue of the Camp Bulletin, all enlisted men of the Division will soon have three suits of the Army's newly adopted and authorized olive drab herringbone twill work suit uniforms. The coveralls have full cut trousers and pleated-back jackets. With the color, the new uniform offers the men good camouflage in forest areas, as the olive drab color blends with the trees and underbrush. A water repellent hat will also be issued, the bulletin stated.

FORMER WORLD CHAMP WILL INSTRUCT ALABAMAS IN BOXING

The men of the 167th Infantry will be taught the manly art of self defense by Petey J. Sarron, former world's featherweight champion. Sarron will begin his instruction Monday night in the regimental recreation hall. Two-hour classes will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week as a part of the regimental recreation program.

"The regiment has a fighting tradition," Sarron said, "and I shall be glad to teach those interested in boxing everything I know about it." There is nothing like boxing training to keep a fellow in good physical condition," he added. He further explained that anyone interested in enrolling in the classes should contact him or the regimental recreation officer.

Cars Go Home Come Next Month

Nearly 4,000 automobiles, the private property of officers and enlisted men of Camp Blanding will probably have to be disposed of before August 1, it was learned this week.

In a notice to the men of the Dixie Division, Major General John C. Persons, Divisional commander, stated that in recent conversations with the Supply and Transportation Officer of the 4th Army Corps, "it was indicated that no private motor vehicles will be allowed in the convoy to the Louisiana maneuver area, nor in the area upon arrival. It is suggested that each officer and enlisted man who has a motor vehicle with him here make plans for its disposal prior to July 30, 1941." The Camp Provost Marshal's office stated this week that there are 1,600 autos belonging to officers and 2,300 cars owned by enlisted men in camp.

Lucky Sgt. Loses Car

Sgt. Morgan McLelland, Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 117th F. A., can't decide whether he's lucky or unlucky.

In a recent wreck, Sgt. McLelland almost completely demolished his brand new 1941 Chevrolet Sedan.

The only damage to the sergeant was the loss of four front teeth . . . all false.

FORMER MAIL CLERK PLANS AIR MAIL FOR MANEUVERS

Private P. C. Manley, 25, is a member of the 124th Infantry, but serves in the 31st Division postoffice on special duty by reason of his employment in the Miami, Florida, postoffice for several years prior to his induction into the Army. And, more to the point, Private Manley is a homing pigeon enthusiast and is now building a pigeon loft at Division Headquarters where he will "home" a number of pigeons for use between Dixie troops and Camp Blanding during maneuvers this summer. Staff officers of the Division including Major General Persons, have manifested interest in the proposal and it is expected that official use will be made of the pigeons.

"Surprise" Ending To Trip Home

It's happened before and no doubt will happen again, but one of those sentimental "surprise" ideas backfired this week, much to the chagrin of Pvt. Jefferson D. Martin of Battery G of the 114th Field Artillery.

The Mississippi soldier decided to pay an unannounced visit to his wife in Greenville over the past weekend, and Mrs. Martin thought it nice to surprise her husband at Camp Blanding. As a result both were surprised—and disappointed—and it took a few telephone calls to straighten out the matter and unite the "surprising" Martins.

Another Unit Has Emergency Fund

Battery A, 117th Field Artillery is the latest unit in the Division to announce the adoption of the "Emergency Fund" instituted by the Anti-Tank Company of the 155th Infantry. The money is collected monthly until a sizeable sum is on hand and is available for company members when emergencies arise.

Profitable Feet

Big feet may be an asset or a liability in the Army; those of Pvt. Joseph C. Meyers, Hq. Det., 2nd Bn., 156th Infantry, are definitely an asset. Pvt. Meyers, who wears size 14EEE shoes, is charging his buddies five cents admission to view the footwear issued to him by the Quartermaster Corps. He reports a rushing business.

Only last week Manley released six pigeons, sent up from Miami by express, bearing letters from himself and several staff officers to Miami friends and relatives, while a large group of spectators, General Persons among them, observed the departure. Manley and his father, P. F. Manley, share the pigeon hobby, owning together a loft of 150 highly bred birds.

All but one of the pigeons released last week reached Miami without mishap. However, the sixth bird (with a letter from Lt. H. R. Lusher, Division Postal Officer to friends in Miami) came to rest in the loft of a Ft. Pierce, Florida, pigeon fancier, who fed the bird, added a message of explanation, and sent the pigeon winging his way once more, this time to arrive safely at the Manley home at 70 N. W. 36th Court St.

Smart System Falls Flat

If you want to know the best way of winning a lady's affection, steer clear of the boys doing K. P. duty in the officers' mess of the 156th Infantry regiment. Last week, the DIXIE told the story of Private Sam Nasello, one of the K. P.'s who danced all night with a girl's grandmother in hopes of making the lady like him a little and then had to escort the grandmother home. This week it's Pvt. Ames Dore, one of Nasello's buddies, who used a different means and got practically the same results. Hearing of Nasello's troubles, Dore decided not to make the same mistake. He held his girl friend's small sister, and kept holding her while other soldiers monopolized the older girl's time.

Veteran Recalls World War Days

15 years in the National Guard and a veteran of World War 1 reads the record of first sergeant Leath E. Smith, now in the Hq. and Service Company, 106th Engineers. Smith served during 1918 and 1919 with the A. E. F. in France.

When he first joined the army the sergeant was attached to Battery C, 140th Field Artillery, commanded at the time by Capt. Harry Hulen, present commander of the engineer regiment. Still sharp in Smith's memory is the year he spent in Europe. He recalls when army planes went aloft just for scouting purposes, without arms, until the day an enterprising aviator brought along a double-barreled shot-gun and actually killed an enemy pilot while speeding along the air lanes.

Dixie Man Finds Old Transfers

If he ever goes to Kansas City, says Pfc. William H. Turnley, Company A, 156th Infantry, he's going to see if they'll still take the transfers he found in the pockets of one of the cart-ridge belts issued to him recently.

Going through the pouches in the belt before putting it on, Pvt. Turnley found tucked far into a corner three transfers dated Jan. 13, 1919, and issued by the Kansas City Street Railway Company.

Turnley's guess is that they belonged to some American soldier who, returning from World War No. 1 was so anxious to get home that he couldn't bother with waiting for a street car.

114 Btry. E, Constructs Outdoor Rec. Center

Battery E, 114th Field Artillery, under the direction of 1st Sgt. John J. Walker, constructed a recreation area recently, and next week it is expected that the baseball field, volley and tennis ball courts will be in use.

The members of the Battery hauled ton after ton of red clay which was packed into a hard surface, and a feature of their playfield will be the movable tennis and volleyball poles, so placed that they can be removed when baseball and softball games are in progress.

Soldiers Soldier: Will Not Talk Back

For a few minutes, an enterprising private of the 106th Engineers thought he had found the ideal soldier—one who wouldn't talk back when spoken to. He found the silent gentleman during the raid this week on the model city near the camp incinerator. Sitting on a scaffold he was, just as pretty as you please, with his feet dangling down. Twice the private called, and distinctly: "Soldier." The third time, too, was without charm. Then he looked more closely: it was, yes, a dummy.

Week-End Picnics For Soldiers At Camp

An otherwise long and dull holiday weekend proved interesting for members of Headquarters Company, 155th Infantry, when Lts. Donald Price and I. C. Tallant, also detailed to stay in camp, arranged three picnics over Memorial Day and the week-end. Men were conveyed to St. Augustine one day and Jacksonville Beach the two other days.

Family Drives 70 Hrs. On Lumber Truck To Join Son Here

The mode of travel and the time it takes to come from Wiggins, Miss., to Camp Blanding presents no problem to the Anderson family when they want to see their son Charles who is a member of Company M, 155th Infantry.

Recently the family piled onto a flat body lumber truck of ancient vintage and drove steadily for 70 hours so that they could be with their son. When night came the family slept on the truck. During their stay here they were guests of Company M.

117 F. A. Improves In Fire Power

Improvement in firing accuracy has been shown by the 117th Field Artillery according to Lt. Col. George N. Sagin, head of the regiment's 2nd Battalion, who supervises the unit while on the range. Col. Sagin made the statement after the organization spent this week on the Artillery range firing 37-mm. and 75-mm. guns.

Mississippi General Visits Canteen



Brigadier General Thomas J. Grayson, right, Adjutant General of Mississippi, pauses in his recent informal inspection of Mississippi troops to visit a canteen in the 155th Infantry area. With him, left, is Lt. Col. T. B. Birdsong, 155th Infantry. Just before the picture was snapped General Grayson ordered: "Now smile, Damn it!"

TRAPEZE ARTIST NOW TRAINS BY CATCHING K. P. AND GUARD

Member Of Famous Ringling Brothers Aerial Act Now Member Of Dixie Division

"And now, La-deez and Gen-tul-men, we present for your ap-pro-val, the nations fore-most trap-pez-ists—the Nation's most daring family—La-deez and Gen-tul-men: The-six-flying-Ma-tau-ches!"

The chant of the Ringling Brother's Circus barker still runs along much in the same manner. Only now, he says "The Five Ma-tau-ches." And the 1st Sergeant of Company K, 124th Infantry accounts for the other. "Pvt. 1st Class Constantino Matausch!" the sergeant calls every morning, with not too much emphasis on syllabication. Just enough to let Matausch understand that it was "Matausch" and not, say, "Matiskie."

The making of the five that were six came about in January. The Matausches, with their father, now 64, but still an active member, were in Sarasota for the winter. Constantino's draft number was called and with some more people he came on up to Blanding. Already, as the 1st Sergeant points out each morning, he is a 1st Class Private. A corporality may come a little later.

He now finds it confining at times, he admits, to come so completely down to earth. Back in the old days, perhaps one-third of his day was spent 45 feet above the sawdust and trapeze pegs. He and his family followed this schedule in Europe, Asia, China and, since coming to America in 1934, the 48 states, Cuba and Canada. At the end of his enlistment, he plans to continue the tour, using the same allotment of time.

Constantino is the only member of the troupe who hasn't fallen from the swinging bars to the net. His father and sister have fallen several times. About this, though, he doesn't gloat for he says it can happen not only in the best but to all of a family. And, as a matter of fact, he did fall once from a truck.

Yes, that one time and off-duty, he did break his leg.

Short-Cut Home Extends Mileage

Technical Sergeant David E. Buckley, already much publicized in the Dixie, has another claim for fame, fellow members of Headquarters Company, 155th Infantry, report. He, they said, single-handed located a new route to Vicksburg, Miss., his hometown, that they think will probably come out as a regimental suggestion. Its only objection is that it's 120 miles longer but you do, they pointed out, get to see Mobile, Ala., twice on your way home. You just sorta drive in a circle, they said.

The Life Of The Party



Soldiers of Battery F, 116th Field Artillery, more or less tensely listen to a radio program deep in the woods of the artillery range near Sand Hill lake. Our guess is that it wasn't war bulletins from across the way.



Swimming Lessons Designed For Artillery

Swimming lessons in Kingsley Lake will begin Wednesday afternoon for 17 "land-lubbers" of the 116th Field Artillery. This number, amounting to ten percent, failed the swimming test given the 170 soldiers in the regiment's band, Medical Detachment, and First Battalion Headquarters Battery recently. A swimming test will be given as soon as possible to every man in the 116th, Col. Homer W. Hesterly, the commanding officer, has announced, to make these Florida artillerymen "at home" and safe in the water as well as on land. To pass the test, men must swim 100 yards using at least two swimming strokes.

114th Bridge Team Seeks New Players

Battery B of the 114th Field Artillery has a bridge team that claims the championship of the regiment and also invites outside challenges. Private Eugent Her-aan is the man for challenging quartettes to see.

Major Faints On Long March

One Major in the 167th Infantry found the march to Keystone Heights last week just a little too much.

After 15 miles of it, and with obvious shame that he couldn't keep up with his marching men, he laid down by the side of the road. The medical detachment picked him up.

"Major," the big black bulldog mascot of the 167th Infantry, has been having it too easy, it seems.

Dancing Lessons Pay Dividends

The weekly dancing lessons given to the enlisted men of the 116th Field Artillery free of charge are about to bear fruit. Enlisted men of this regiment able to dance are invited to attend a dance given in their honor by the Friday Musicals Club of Jacksonville in the Club rooms Saturday night, June 14. Arrangements were made for the dance by Robert Jarrell, executive secretary of the Jacksonville Defense Council, and the 116th recreation officer, Lt. Woodrow Dickey, as part of the recreation program.

Opinions Differ On Theme Song

Rumors have it that relations between Major Lester O'Neal, Regimental Surgeon of the 117th F. A., and Warrant Officer Driggers, of the 117th's Band are strained, mighty strained.

It seems that Major O'Neal had a new rowboat which he was to launch soon and requested the band leader to have his unit play "Anchors Aweigh," at the christening.

Smirked the Warrant Officer: "More appropriate, I think, Major, would be the melody 'Asleep In The Deep'."

Chaplain Plans Religious Program

Major Hovis, Chaplain of the 117th, F. A. Regiment is arranging a series of studies on books of Revelation which will be given in connection with the religious program of the regiment.

CLASSIFIED

FOUND—key chain with assorted keys. Loser can obtain by identifying. Sgt. Daniel H. Sherman, Battery F, 116th F. A.

WANTED—To swap: one pair of new, unworn, size 10 E government issue shoes for size 8 D. Contact Pvt. Roger DeRoode, Co. A, 106th Medical Regiment.

LOST—One gas mask and one pair of canvas leggings belonging to Private Jacob Umbdenstock, Company M, 156th Infantry.

LOST—A black Sheppard dog weighing about 85 pounds and answering to name "Blackie." If found please return to Co. G, 156th Infantry.

Send a Dixie home, the folks would like to know what is happening in your camp.

DIXIE DIVISION SPORTS



Domino Players Will Battle

There are few challenges broadcast through the Dixie that are not accepted. Last week a domino team from the 155th regiment stated that it would meet any outfit in the Dixie Division. Today that challenge was accepted when the Medical Detachment of the 117th F. A. stated it would meet the team—but on its own "field."

Dixie Team Wins In Outside Game

The 156th Infantry baseball nine stepped outside division competition Sunday to defeat the A. A. Carpenters Union of Jacksonville, 9-5, in Jacksonville. The team is managed by Sgt. Billy Harbour, second baseman. 156th Infantry..000 001 233-9 14 0 A. A. Carpenters410 000 000 -5 11 4

Alabama Units Get Tennis Courts

Each of the three battalions of the 167th Infantry will have tennis courts to play on next week, according to Lt. James B. Kemp, regimental recreation officer.

"We will have the tennis courts finished by early next week and I am expecting tennis to prove a popular sport now that the facilities for playing it have been provided," the lieutenant stated.

Quartermaster Paper Is Divisions Latest

Friday of last week the first issue of the "106th Quartermaster Regiment Journal," a mimeographed, four-page weekly, was printed and distributed under the supervision of Major F. V. Bar-chard, publicity officer of the regiment. The "Journal" will be printed and delivered to the 900 men of the Quartermasters every Friday hereafter, and has for its motto: "Service for the Line."

The paper is lively with interesting news items of value to, an about, the enlisted men of the regiment, and is edited by Pvt. M. C. Tackley, of Company C. Tackley also edits the "Co-Cee News," the Company C weekly publication, and he will hereafter write 106th Quartermaster news for the DIXIE.

Major Addresses College Students

The large "Safety Short Course for Truck and Bus Operators" class of the University of Florida, in Gainesville, Thursday afternoon of last week was privileged to receive a lecture delivered by Major Mark W. Lance, Dixie Division Motor Transportation Officer and commander of the 106th Quartermaster First Battalion. The lecture was on the subject "Motor Vehicles as the Lifeline of Troops in Combat."

Check On Checkers; You Migh Brush Up

How's your checker game? If it isn't up to par take the advice of the Dixie Division checker champ, Pvt. Theodore Freese, and spend a night in a puppet to improve it.

When a recent checker series between Freese, who belongs to the 156th Infantry band, and Jack Henderson, Mobile, Ala., champion, reached a stalemate on the second day with both previous series ending in ties, Freese's fellow bandsmen made him spend the night in a puppet on the company streets and threatened to continue the punishment if he lost again.

The following day he beat his opponent 17 games out of 18.

Unbeaten Softball Team Chalks Up 22 Wins

The division's only unbeaten softball team, Company I, 156th Infantry, barely won its twenty-first and twenty-second consecutive games last Friday and Saturday by beating Battery C, 114th Field Artillery, 7-6 and taking Co. B, 156th Infantry, 6-4.

In the Friday game, the team won from the artillerymen only by making two runs in the last inning after beginning the period trailing by one point.

With the infantry team, the Company I boys had to play an extra inning.

Medical Soldiers Seek Opponents

Boxing and volley ball claim a good deal of the attention of the soldiers in Company A of the 106th Medical Regiment. Having the facilities of a ring and a volleyball court as well as prominent New Orleans athletics, this company wants games and bouts with other regiments. The Company A fighters are Middle-weight Corporal Roland Lascola, Featherweight Private Andrew Gennair, Sergeant Edgar Rom-aguera and others. All except Romaguera will take part in a regimental tournament soon. Sergeant Romaguera is going to attend a school in Texas.

Writers Address Scribblers Club

William Martin, former staff correspondent for the New York Sun, and Rollin Phillips of the Federal Writers Project, addressed the members of the Scribblers' Club Wednesday evening at the weekly meeting of the organization held at Service Club No. 3, Mrs. Veronica Taylor, hostess, presiding. The group will continue to meet weekly to discuss and work at feature, short story and radio writing, and it is expected that Mr. Phillips will return to speak again at an early meeting.

In a 156th Infantry regimental softball game Sunday, Company B beat a team from Company E, 11-9. The game was played on the regimental playing field.

Artilleryman Wants Golf Opponent

Pvt. Henry Smith of Medical Detachment, 117th F. A. believes he shoots as good a game of golf as any one in the Dixie Division. He is willing to back up his boast with a challenge to meet any and all divotees.

Pvt. Smith claims he shoots in the low eighties. He has won several cups in competition. His greatest trophy is a large silver dish won in Jefferson County, Ala., tournament. Those who take exception to his boast should arrange a match.

Wanta Fight? Private Asks

Wanta fight? Pvt. Charles Car-mena, 126-lb. Jacksonville Golden Gloves king is looking for a sparring partner, or partners in the 31st Division. Carmena can be found in tent 7, Co. A, 156th Infantry.

155th Boxers Draw Croud

Fans, representing all companies of the 155th Infantry, saw an exciting card of six bouts Wednesday night at the Regiment's boxing ring. 2nd Lt. George E. Donovan, recreational officer, directed the card which was the first of a series of matches to determine the personnel of the 155th's boxing team. Sgt. G. I. Gofe of Co. C, winner of the middleweight Golden Gloves in Jacksonville last winter arranged the bouts.

The results of the bouts were: Charles Shields, 132, Co. F, out-pointed Clovis Burleson, 132, of the same company; William L. Brown, 122, Medical Detachment, trimmed Claude Rushing, Co. K; John Stevens, 148, Co. C, de-cisioned George T. Kelly, 141, of Co. E; Jesse Fowler, 115, of the Service Club, was too tricky for Eddy Osborne, 126, of Co. C; and J. G. Barnnon, 138, Co. F, fought a draw with James Richardson, 137, Co. E. The bouts were limited to three rounds apiece.

114th Soldiers Will Go To Jax Church

Members of the 114th Field Artillery regiment will attend the 11 a. m. services at the Riverside Baptist Church in Jacksonville Sunday morning on invitation of Dr. C. L. Bowden, pastor. Between 600 and 700 Mississippians are expected to travel to Jacksonville Beach for luncheon and an afternoon of recreation.

The 50-man choir of the 114th, led by 1st Lt. Edmund E. Wells, Chaplain, will participate in the program and, in addition, Chaplain Wells will render a tenor solo and the regiment's quartet will sing several selections.

Mascot Named In 117th Battery

Headquarters, 117th. F. A., has bestowed quite an honor upon their canine mascot, having named him O. D. (Officer of the Day!). O. D. was presented to the battery by their Master Sergeant, Oscar M. Bird.

Firing Through Channels



The Number 1 Gunner of a 75 mm. gun, standing to right of gun, fastens his eyes on the raised arm of the Battery Commander, foreground, while awaiting the signal to fire. The Captain in turn, receives his general instruction from the observation post, which calculates objectives and firing data.